

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2002 (BOS Mtg. 4/16/02)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Transportation Agreement/Head Start Program and Parks and Recreation

Background

The County operates a Head Start program that serves 117 children who live in York County. This early childhood educational and developmental program is implemented at the Griffin-Yeates Center, Grafton Bethel Elementary School, Yorktown Elementary School, and Tabb Elementary School, and provides services to income eligible County residents.

The program contracts with the York County School Board to provide bus transportation between home and the Griffin-Yeates Building, Grafton Bethel, Yorktown, and Tabb Elementary Schools for children. This is clearly in the best interest of the safety of the children involved. Costs for such transportation are provided for in the Head Start grant and do not represent an additional financial support.

Additionally, the County contracts with the School Board to provide bus transportation for activities sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Division. Typically, buses are used for the Summer Fun and Special Recreation Playground programs and some Senior Adult trips. However, there are other circumstances which arise throughout the year that necessitate use of school buses as well. It is clearly in the best interest for the safety of all program participants to utilize public school buses and drivers. As State law limits those entities that may legally contract with the schools for such transportation, the County Attorney has determined that a separate Board authorization is needed in order to execute the transportation contract.

Recommendation

It is my recommendation that proposed Resolution R02-63 authorizing execution of a transportation contract with the York County School Board for transportation of children enrolled in the Head Start program and participants in programs sponsored by the County's Division of Parks and Recreation be adopted.

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Attachments:

- ?? Transportation Agreement
- ?? Proposed Resolution R02-63